

Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes
City of Mount Vernon
November 15, 2016 - City Hall

The Mount Vernon Parks and Recreation Board met on November 15, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Rory Wiebel, Mike Cranston, Loren Hoffman, Catherine Poduska and Lori Boren. Also in attendance: Parks and Recreation Director, Matt Siders.

1. Approval of Agenda. Motion made by Boren, seconded by Poduska to approve agenda. Carried all.
2. Approval of Minutes from October 18, 2016. Motion made by Poduska, seconded by Boren to approve minutes. Carried all.
3. Open Forum: Each citizen is limited to 5 minutes.
4. Directors Report. All parks and facilities have been winterized. Siders was notified that there are a number of red and orange goldfish in the quarry. He will contact the DNR about this to see where to go from here. A Trees Forever grant has been submitted for parks and right-of-ways. Girl's basketball is in full swing. A NFL Punt Pass Kick even was held with three kids qualifying for the championships. The pool report will be presented to Council soon. Magical Night is December 1st.
5. Discussion regarding new Parks and Rec T-Shirt logo. Poduska came up with a variety of different logos, categorized them and tried to determine what the needs were for Parks and Recreation. The new logo needs to be clear and easy to read both in print and on fabric. A logo is needed that represents the overall needs and purpose of the Parks and Recreation Board and is classic, not trendy. Siders clarified that the logo that needs to be changed is the logo for sports shirts only. If it is a banner or something else, the City logo is utilized at this point. Poduska had concerns that if the Parks and Recreation program expands, the logo should expand with it. Siders suggested seeking Council direction on this before proceeding any further. He will request this as an agenda item on the next City Council agenda.
6. Discussion regarding naming of parks without a formal name. Council had asked that a park not be named in the Master Parks Plan until it has been officially named by the City. There are several parks that this would apply to. Hoffman has been working on looking into the history of these parcels to determine how they should be named. In 1998 the current Southpark parcel was dedicated to the City by VJ Stoner and Sons (Twin Creeks Addition) and prior to that nothing was found at the records office. Hoffman suggested possibly using something with Twin Creeks in it. For Lot 32, this dated back to the 1930's where it was in the

West family for much of the time. It did go to Marshak's and Cornell College after that, then transferred to Mount Vernon Development Group (Stoner Family). Everyone was in agreement that the Southpark parcel be named Twin Creeks Park and Lot 32 being named West Park. A formal recommendation would need to be made to City Council to get these changed. Further action will be taken at the next meeting.

7. Subcommittee reports (Parks, Capital, Pool, Programming, and Volunteer).
8. Old Business. City Council unanimously approved the RFP process for the Community Center and that process will begin soon.
9. New Business. Hoffman would like to discuss LOST trail funds and trail priorities at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Marsha Dewell, Deputy Clerk.